

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the current specification with the following amended specification below:

### **ORIGINAL DOGGY BAR**

## **Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/406,235, filed August 28, 2002.

## **Background and Summary of the Invention**

This invention relates to pet securing devices, which allow pet owners to tie or affix their pets to a stationary object and allow freedom of movement for the pet owner.

Other pet securing devices that have preceded the present invention include, but are not limited to, stakes, augers, chains, augers with loops, and augers with retractable leashes.

Still the closest prior art for this type of application is not used for residential pets but for horses. Horses for centuries have had locations where patrons could arrive and tie up their horse. However, horses no longer are the predominant transportation method, therefore, securing areas for horse travelers is not in demand. Vice versa, pet owners frequently travel with their pets making the need for securing area station a paramount.

U.S. Patent No. 6,401,656 to Adkisson discloses an auger shaft that is placed in the ground and has arms attached to the auger for placing food, water, and a place for an umbrella. U.S. Patent No. 5,787,842 to Shmoldas discloses a pet securing system/leash which restricts pets from passing through various entryways and to minimize pets desire to aggravate injured body parts. U.S. Patent No. 5,482,246 to Derkoski discloses an auger for positioning or placing a post into the earth. U.S. Patent No. 2,776,644 to Fontaine discloses a tethering device, which allows an individual to secure a device around the wrist that has a spooling device for a leash.

The pet securing device of the present invention allows for efficient and logical means for tethering a pet.

One goal of the present invention is to allow individuals freedom to travel with their pets to areas where they would not have prior to this invention. Furthermore, an additional objective of the present invention is to provide a secure place for pet owners to secure their pets in various places with easy accessibility. Examples of desired locations for securing pet are malls, sidewalks, streets, restaurants, apartments, homes, businesses, mobile homes, and RV's.

Another objective of the present invention is to allow individuals the opportunity to have a permanent pet securing device that is reliable, attractive, and has the ability to be affixed or removed from various locations with limited effort.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a variation of a retractable leash that is built into the invention's bar that allows pet owners to attach their pet to the retractable leash which is mounted on the stationary bar.

### **Brief Description of the Drawings**

Fig. 1 is a profile view of an embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 2 is a front view of components of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 3a is a top view of components of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 3b is a profile view of components of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 3c is a profile view of components of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 4 is a profile view of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

Fig. 5 is a top view of components of one embodiment of the pet securing device.

### **Detailed Description of the Drawings**

The embodiments described below and shown in the figures are merely exemplary

and are not intended to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed. Instead, the embodiments were selected for description to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention.

Referring to Figs. 1-3B, a pet security device 10 that is attached to walls is shown. Specifically, 12 is a solid piece of metal that is used as the base to secure the pet securing device 10 to a wall, 14 is a bar with two ninety degree angles with a straight piece 4 in the middle of the two ninety degree angles and two legs 13 which anchor to the solid piece of metal 12. Piece 4 has a curved/bent middle section between the two legs 13 which anchor to the piece of metal 12 which allow installers to place anchoring screws between the two legs 13 and install the pet securing device 10 to a wall/floor. Reference numeral 22 is approximately where the holes for the screws are located.

Fig. 2 is a silhouette of a dog used as part of the pet securing device 10. Holes 20 in the base secure the bar 14 where dogs may be tied up. The bar 14 is secured to holes 20 as shown in Fig. 1. Holes 20 are where the bar 14 is attached to piece of metal 12. The holes 20 are used to securely combine the bar 14 and the piece of metal 12 together so that the pet securing device 10 becomes one unit. Reference numeral 22 are the holes used by screws to attach the pet securing device 10 to a wall or floor. Piece of metal 12, which is a silhouette of a dog, has different variations of pet silhouettes in different models.

Figs. 4 and 5 illustrate a pet securing floor model 31. A metal silhouette 42 that is attached to base 52. Base 52 is where the bar 14 is secured through holes 48. Referring to Fig. 5, a topographic view of the base 52 used for floor models is shown. The base 52 is where a silhouette 42 is attached to as well as the piece that is secured to floors. Holes 48 are where the dog bar 14 found in Fig. 3A, is attached to base 52. Holes 54 are used by screws to attach the pet securing system 31 to wall or floor.

Figs. 3A and 3B are representative of the bar 14 used to secure pets. Fig. 3A is

drawing of the two ninety degree angles with the middle section 4 and two legs 13. Fig. 3B is a side view of the bar 14 that shows the design of the bend 16 in the bar 14 for easy anchoring purposes. Fig. 3C is a side view of a bar 14 that has a enclosed retractable leash 17. The retractable leash 17 allows individuals to use the bars leash as opposed to their own personal leashes. The locking system used in the retractable leash is a variety of clasps, hooks, swivels, or other attaching devices. Retractable leash 17 also represents hooking devices that are not retractable, like a carabineer, but are otherwise used for securing pets.

The various models of the pet securing device are designed to be lightweight, durable, and strong. The system allows individuals to easily incorporate their pets in their daily activities by allowing them freedom to take their pets to various locations with the assurance of a secured place to tie their pet while they shop, eat, or merely visit.

From the information given it is apparent that various variations of the pet securing system mentioned above can be developed from this pet securing inventions spirit. However, it is noted that the embodiment of the pet securing device variations described herein in detail, for explanation, is open to different variations in structure, design, application, and methodology. Because many different variations can be made within the scope/spirit of the inventive concept(s) herein explained, and because many modifications may be made in the embodiment herein detailed in accordance with descriptive requirements of the law, its to be understood that the details herein are to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. And modified forms of the present invention done by others skilled in the art to which the invention pertains will be considered infringements of this invention when whose modified forms fall within the claimed scope of this invention.

Although the invention has been described in detail with reference to certain illustrated embodiments, variations and modifications exist within the scope and spirit of the invention as described and as defined in the following claims.